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South Rock Road will Close April 15

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Beginning on April 15, 2002, Rock Road will be closed to through traffic between 95th St. S. and K-15. The closing is part of a $5 million project to widen and improve Rock Road between 87th St. South near Derby and Highway K-15 in Mulvane. With funding from Sedgwick County, the City of Mulvane and the City of Derby, the project includes widening of the railroad overpass over the BNSF Railroad in Mulvane as well as improvements at major intersections. The work will complete a series of projects designed to upgrade Rock Road to at least 4 lanes between 37th St. N. and the Sumner County line. With good weather, the project should be completed within about one year.

"Although this project may create some inconvenience for citizens who live and travel in this area, it is an important enhancement for the future," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. Sciortino represents the citizens of the 5th District, where the construction is taking place.

Through traffic will be detoured as follows:
- The portion of Rock Road between 87th St. South and 95th St. South will be open to through traffic during construction of the entire project.

- Rock Road traffic will detoured to K-15 between 95th Street South and the intersection of Rock Road and K-15.

Local Traffic will be detoured in phases as follows:
- During the first phase (2 to 4 weeks), local traffic south of 95th St. South must enter on to Rock Road from K-15.

- During the second phase of construction (1 year), the railroad overpass between 103rd St. S. and 111th St. S. will be closed. Local traffic using Rock Road will have access from 95th St. S. for the area north of the railroad overpass. The area south of the railroad overpass will have local access from K-15.

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